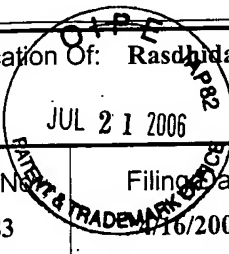
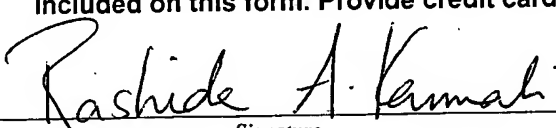
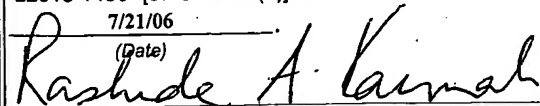


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)					Docket No. 134.004	
In Re Application Of: Rashida A. karmali						
						
Application No. 10/826,083	Filing Date 7/16/2004	Examiner Dwayne K. Handy	Customer No. 42131	Group Art Unit 1743	Confirmation No. 9955	
Invention: Specimen Collecting, Processing and analytical Assembly						
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>3/23/2006</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: -10px;">Date</div>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> from: <u>6/24/06</u> until: <u>7/21/06</u> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%; font-size: small;"> Date Date </div> </div> </div>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
The fee for the extension of time is \$60 and is to be paid as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
<div style="text-align: center;">  Signature </div>			Dated: 7/21/06 EQ 698100418 US			
Rashida A. Karmali			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on 7/21/06  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence Rashida A. Karmali Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence </div>			
cc: Rashida A. Karmali						